

LEGAL REPRESENTATIVES OF DAVID HEUSTIS.

MARCH 31, 1896.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

Mr. HURLEY, from the Committee on War Claims, submitted the following

REPORT:

[To accompany H. R. 7643.]

The Committee on War Claims, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 7643) entitled "A bill for the relief of the legal representatives of David Heustis, deceased," beg leave to submit the following report, and recommend that said bill do pass without amendment.

The bill confers jurisdiction upon the Court of Claims to hear and determine the claim of the legal representatives of David Heustis, deceased, for compensation for the use by the United States of the patent of the said Heustis for an improved method of manufacturing shot and shell.

The committee referred the bill, or a similar one, to the Honorable Secretary of the Navy for a history of the claim and the Department's recommendations thereon.

The Secretary, under date of February 29, 1896, replied as follows:

NAVY DEPARTMENT,
Washington, February 29, 1896.

SIR: Referring to the bill (H. R. 7643) "for the relief of the legal representatives of David Heustis, deceased," and to the committee's letter of the 7th instant, in which you request to be furnished with a history of the claim and the Department's recommendations thereon, I have the honor to inclose herewith a letter from the Chief of the Bureau of Ordnance, dated the 27th instant, with 21 inclosures, giving a complete history of the case.

Inasmuch as the bill simply confers jurisdiction upon the Court of Claims to hear and determine the claim in question, the Department sees no objection thereto.

Very respectfully,

A. MCADOO, *Acting Secretary.*

The CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE ON WAR CLAIMS,
House of Representatives.

If the claimants have a just claim it ought to be paid, and there is no reason why the proper facilities should not be afforded them to establish its validity.

The committee therefore recommend the passage of the bill.

